

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
OCTOBER 9, 2012**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 9, 2012, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm then called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member David Prechtel	Absent

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, Building Commissioner/Zoning Administrator Darla Blazey, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. Two of three board members were present, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 25, 2012. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 2-0.

CLAIMS

Board members reviewed the claims from September 7, 2012 to October 4, 2012. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 2-0.

PHOTO SHOOT AT JAYCEE PARK

Laura Polen, representing L & L Photography, asked permission to use Jaycee Park for photo shoots on October 13 and 14, 2012 and possibly October 20 and 21. This is an annual event and is open to the public.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to give L & L Photography permission to use Jaycee Park for photo sessions on the dates described. Motion carried 2-0.

PARTIAL STREET CLOSURE

Becky Hopf, representing Krazy About Kidz, a daycare center located at 583 Northwood Avenue, asked permission to close the south side of Northwood Avenue from Westwood Blvd. to the end of the empty field west of the daycare center from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 19, 2012 for additional parking for a Halloween party at the daycare center. Such a request was made and granted the last few years. Because this area has a center turn lane, closing one lane for a short period of time has not been a problem.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to grant permission. Motion carried 2-0.

2013 CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA

Kerry Mehringer, representing Holy Family School, asked the following permission for the August 10, 2013 Cardboard Boat Regatta with a rain date of August 24, 2013; use of the river walk area, put a big display box in the river walk area, use horseshoe area for children's gutter boat races, use 3rd Avenue bridge brackets for flags from August 4-10, hang banners from the bridge. Mehringer said the last two items are new requests for this event.

Mayor Seitz said he will not grant permission today for the request to use the flag brackets nor the request to hang banners from the bridge. These requests must be considered carefully because if we start allowing this others will also ask.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to grant permission to use the river walk and plaza area, put a big box display in the river walk area, and use the horseshoe area for children's gutter boat races for the 2013 cardboard boat regatta on August 10, 2013 with a rain date of August 24, 2013 contingent upon the completion of the appropriate paperwork. Motion carried 2-0.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang reported that October 7-14 is National Fire Prevention Week. He said today they will be performing fire drills at the Jasper schools. He also mentioned other events they will be participating in during that week.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Seitz then read two proclamations. The first one proclaimed October 9, 2012 as German American Day in Jasper and the other one proclaimed the month of October, 2012 as International Alpha Delta Kappa month.

STREET CLOSURE

Wastewater Manager Ed Hollinden asked permission to close 5th Street between St. John and Clay Streets tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. for sewer repair work. If the work is not completed by 2:30 p.m., the work area will be plated to allow for school traffic and the work will resume the next day.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to give permission to the wastewater department to close 5th Street between St. John and Clay Streets at 8:00 a.m. on October 10, 2012. Motion carried 2-0.

BIDS

City Engineer Chad Hurm said he sought bids for the South Newton Storm Sewer Project. Four contractors picked up a set of plans; Blankenberger Brothers Inc., Zeke Ransom Excavating, Dave O'Mara Contractor Inc, and Lechner's Inc.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick then opened the following bids:

Blankenberger Brothers Inc \$276,825.00

The bid contained a bid bond, Form 96, a non-collusion affidavit, and a legal employment declaration.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to take the bid under advisement. Motion carried 2-0.

PERFORMANCE BOND

City Engineer Chad Hurm said Michael and Patricia Hochgesang developers of the Timber Creek Subdivision asked permission to release the performance bond for that subdivision. Hurm recommended releasing the performance bond for the Timber Creek Subdivision on condition a warranty and maintenance bond is provided.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to release the performance bond for Timber Creek Subdivision on condition the developers provide a warranty and maintenance bond. Motion carried 2-0.

REMINDER

Mayor Seitz reminded everyone that due to a scheduling conflict the next Board of Public Works and Safety meeting is set for Monday, October 22, 2012 instead of Tuesday, October 23, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 2-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 22nd day of October, 2012.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer